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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1230  
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S E C R E T DJIBOUTI 1347

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, IZ, FR

SUBJ: IRAQI REPRESENTATION

1. FRENCH SPECIAL SERVICES INDICATE THAT OSAMA AL GAILANI, FORMER IRAQI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN DJIBOUTI, WAS KILLED IN BAGHDAD SOME WEEKS AGO IN A PURPORTED TERRORIST ATTACK. THERE WERE INDICATIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL DOCTRINAL CLEAVAGES IN THE IRAQI EMBASSY PRIOR TO AL GAILANI'S DEPARTURE FROM DJIBOUTI IN MARCH. REPORTEDLY THESE PROBLEMS AROSE AS DIRECT CONFLICT BETWEEN HIM AND AMBASSADOR ISMAIL HAMOUDI HOUSSEIN, WHO PRESENTED CREDENTIALS ON MARCH 11, 1978.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS DISPUTE; HOWEVER, GIVEN THE MURKINESS OF IRAQI POLITICS WE COULD NOT HELP WONDERING IF THERE MIGHT BE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DJIBOUTI PROBLEM AND THE REPORTED DEATH OF AL GAILANI IN BAGHDAD. WE

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GOT TO KNOW HIM FAIRLY WELL THROUGH MUTUAL FRIENDS, AND HIS DEATH DEPRIVED US OF A MAN WHO APPEARED TO BE A FRIEND OF THE U.S. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT ON THIS MATTER THAT ADDRESSEES MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.  
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